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SUBJECT: F-104 REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT AND US FORCE PROPOSALS/GOALS
FOR NORWAY

REF: A. STATE 038015 NOTAL

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SUMMARY: DURING DISCUSSION OF NORWEGIAN FORCE PROPOSALS/
GOALS MARCH 14, DRC MAINTAINED FORCE PROPOSAL FOR NORWAY TO
PROCURE NEW MULTI-ROLE AIRCRAFT TO REPLACE EXISTING F-5
AND F-104G. DISTILLED US LIST OF PRIORITY FORCE GOALS FOR
NORWAY DOES NOT INCLUDE REPLACEMENT OF F-5 AND F-104G AIRCRAFT.
ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON WHETHER MISSION SHOULD SUBMIT TO
NATO CURRENT LIST OF US PRIORITIES. END SUMMARY.

1. IN REFTEL A, WASHINGTON TRANSMITTED TO CONCERNED AMEMB'S
THE TEXT OF A LETTER TO BE SENT TO DEFMIN AND OTHERS ON THE
F-104 REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT. LETTER INDICATED STRONG USG
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INTEREST IN SELECTION OF A US REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT. WASHING-
TON'S INSTRUCTIONS FOR OSLO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NORWEGIAN
EVALUATION OF REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT COULD BE CONCLUDED
PROMPTLY.

2. AS REPORTED REFTEL B, DRC ON MARCH 14 MAINTAINED FORCE GOAL (1A16) FOR NORWAY TO "PROCURE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF NEW GENERATION, MULTI-ROLE ALL WEATHER CAPABLE AIRCRAFT AS REPLACEMENT FOR F-5 AND F-104G...". IN ABSENCE OF GUIDANCE FOR MEETING, US REP, RELYING UPON REFTEL A, ARGUED AGAINST NORWEGIAN DEFERMENT AND SUPPORTED MC PROPOSAL FOR NORWEGIANS TO ESTABLISH A FIRM REPLACEMENT PROGRAM TO BEGIN IN 1978.

3. WASHINGTON'S GUIDANCE FOR NORWEGIAN FORCE PROPOSALS/GOALS (REFTEL C) RECEIVED MARCH 15 DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INCLUDE IN ITS DISTILLED US PRIORITY LIST THE PROPOSAL FOR NORWAY TO REPLACE ITS F-5 AND F104G AIRCRAFT.

4. IN VIEW OF USG INTEREST IN REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT EXPRESSED IN REFTEL A, WE QUESTION SUBMITTING TO NATO A US PRIORITY LIST WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT. INASMUCH AS DRC HANDLING OF NORWAY HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE, SUBMISSION IS NO LONGER AS TIME SENSITIVE. ACCORDINGLY, UNTIL WE RECEIVE FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM WASHINGTON, WE INTEND TO DELAY SUBMITTING US PRIORITY LIST TO NATO.

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